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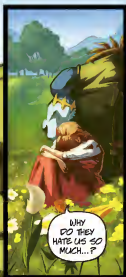
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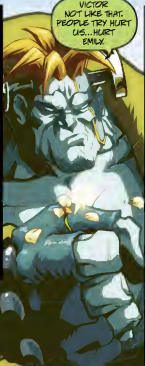
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WHY
DO THEY
HATE US SO
MUCH...?



VICTOR
NOT LIKE THAT.
PEOPLE TRY HURT
US...HURT
EMILY.



DON'T
THINK TOO HARSHLY
OF THEM. AFTER ALL,
FATHER DID TELL US
THAT IT'S OUR DUTY TO
PROTECT THEM, SO
THERE MUST BE SOME
GOOD IN THEM,
RIGHT?



VICTOR
NOT UNDERSTAND,
BUT VICTOR DO AS
FATHER SAYS--PROTECT
PEOPLE FROM BAD
DARKSTALKERS.

LET'S
GO HOME.
MAYBE FATHER
IS FINALLY
AWAKE--



EEEK!

KROOM!

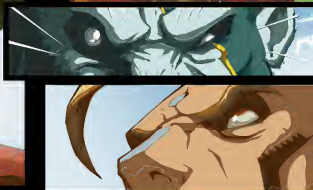
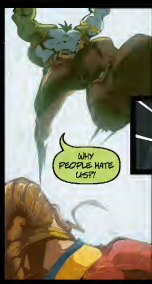
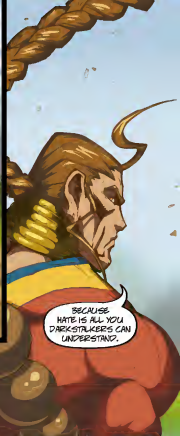


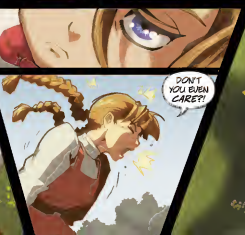
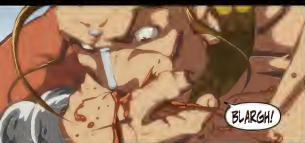
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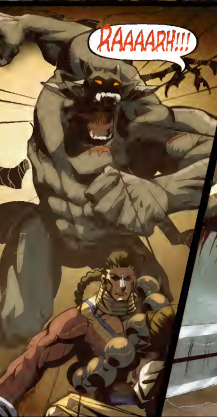


YES, ANITA, I BELIEVE IT IS.

PERHAPS IF WE FIND AND DESTROY IT, YOU WILL FINALLY BE SAVED.



YOU'D BE WISE TO SET YOUR SIGHTS ON A DIFFERENT PRIZE- HANNAH AND KIEN ARE TOO POWERFUL TO BE WRESTED BY ANYONE IN THIS WORLD, HUMAN OR DARKSTALKER!



RAAAARRH!!!



SLASH!!!



COME NOW! ANITA, THE END OF YOUR JOURNEY MAY YET BE IN SIGHT.



CRUNCHY.

THANK YOU, WE'RE ALL INDEBTED TO YOU.

WE'RE JUST DOING WHAT FATHER TOLD US TO.

WHERE IS THE NIGHT WARRIOR? I WANT TO THANK HIM AS WELL.



I THOUGHT HE WAS RIGHT OVER THERE...





SCOTLAND.

THAT'S
IT! HOLD
IT, RIGHT
THERE.

WORDS ARE
INADEQUATE TO
CONVEY HOW BEAUTIFUL
YOU LOOK TONIGHT.
I'M HONORED TO BE THE
FIRST TO RECORD YOUR
USAGE ON CANVAS--TO BE
APPRECIATED FOR
ALL ETERNITY.

THAT'S WHAT
WE ALL CRAVE,
ISN'T IT? TO EXIST
FOREVER... IN
OUR PERFECT
YOUTH.

WHAT WOULD
YOU SAY IF I TOLD
YOU I REPRESENTED
A MAN WHO COULD
GRANT THAT TO
YOU...?

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN? THAT'S
IMPOSSIBLE.

ON THE
CONTRARY, FOR
THOSE DEEMED
WORTHY ENOUGH,
IT MOST
CERTAINLY IS
POSSIBLE.

FOR YEARS
I'VE USED MY EYE
FOR BEAUTY TO SEARCH
THE WORLD FOR WOMEN
LOVELY ENOUGH TO BE
GIVEN MY EMPLOYER'S
ULTIMATE GIFT.

AFTER
MEETING HIM, THEY
HAVEN'T AGED A
DAY.

I'M...
INTRIGUED.
WHO IS THIS MAN
YOU WORK
FOR?

DEMTRI
MAXIMOV.

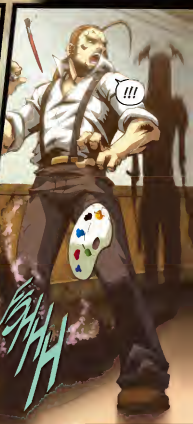
DEMTRI?!



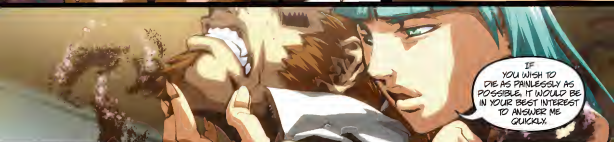
WHAT
DO YOU
KNOW OF
DEMTRIP?



YOU...
YOU'RE A
SUCCUBUS!



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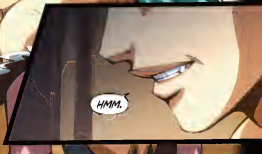


IF
YOU WISH TO
DIE AS PAINLESSLY AS
POSSIBLE, IT WOULD BE
IN YOUR BEST INTEREST
TO ANSWER ME
QUICKLY.



WHAT
MAKES YOU
THINK I'M THAT
HELPLESS...?

RAAAARH!!!



HMM.



DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU HAVE A CHANCE AGAINST ME?



YOU AREN'T EVEN A VAMPIRE PUREBLOOD!

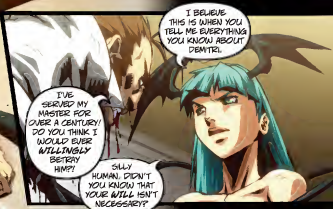
SKLUK!



SPLACK!

SPLACK!

YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A WEAK HUMAN IN VAMPIRE'S CLOTHING.



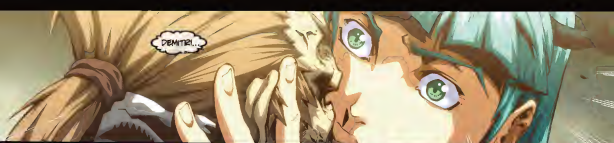
I BELIEVE THIS IS WHEN YOU TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT DEMTRI.

I'VE SERVED MY MASTERS FOR OVER A CENTURY! DO YOU THINK I WOULD EVER WILLINGLY BETRAY HIM?

SILLY HUMAN, DIDN'T YOU KNOW THAT YOUR WILL ISN'T NECESSARY?



MMMPH!!!



DEMITRI!



HE'S IN ROMANIA... AND HE'S ALIVE!

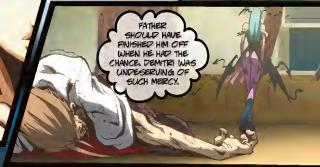
HE SURVIVED HIS EXILE AND HAS BEEN BIDDING HIS TIME, NURSING HIMSELF BACK TO HEALTH WITH THE BLOOD OF HIS GROWING LEGION OF FOLLOWERS.

FOR OVER A CENTURY HE'S SLOWLY BUT RELENTLESSLY SOUGHT TO REGAIN ENOUGH OF HIS STRENGTH TO SEEK REVENGE UPON MY FATHER.



HSSSSSS

BUT WHY EXPEND HIS POWER WHEN HE HAS NO WAY OF RETURNING TO THE MAKAF? HAS HE FOUND A WAY?



FATHER SHOULD HAVE FINISHED HIM OFF WHEN HE HAD THE CHANCE. DEMITRI WAS UNDESERVING OF SUCH MERCY.



WITH THAT MANY FOLLOWERS IN HIS SERVICE, IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE DEMITRI COMPLETELY REGAINS HIS STRENGTH.



FATHER NEEDS TO HEAR OF THIS IMMEDIATELY, BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!



ROMANIA.

MY
APOLOGIZES,
LORD DEMTRI, BUT
DAWN IS NEARING.
YOU SHOULD
RETURN TO YOUR
CHAMBER.

... LIKE
AN INSECT
SKITTERING
AWAY FROM
THE LIGHT

HOW MUCH
LONGER MUST
YOU EXIST IN THIS
STATE? IT HAS PAINED
ME TO SEE YOU LIKE
THIS ALL THESE
YEARS.

MY TIME
WILL SOON COME.
SOON ENOUGH NEITHER
THE SUN NOR BELIAL
WILL BE ABLE TO
CHALLENGE MY
POWER.

TO BE CONTINUED...




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THE CURSE OF HANNYA AND KIEN

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BISHAMON,
WERE YOU FOOLISH
ENOUGH TO BELIEVE
THAT BECAUSE YOU
WOKE ME THAT
YOU WERE MY
MASTER?

DID YOU
THINK YOU COULD
GAIN DOMINION OVER
ME, HANNYA, THE
DEMON ARMOR OF
LEGEND...?

THAT
IT WOULD
BE YOUR HAND
THAT WIELD THE
DEMON BLADE,
KIEN...?

YOU
WERE NOT THE
FIRST TO DON
ME...

AND
YOU WILL
NOT BE THE
LAST...

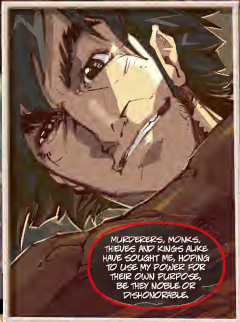


OVER
MANY CENTURIES
I HAVE TEMPTED MEN
WITH THE PROMISE OF
UNEQUALLED, INVINCIBLE
PROWESS IN
BATTLE--

LURED
THEM WITH THE
POWER TO SLAY ONE'S
ENEMIES, NO MATTER
HOW STRONG OR
NUMEROUS.



MEN
OF BOTH
GOOD AND EVIL
HEARTS HAVE
ANSWERED MY
CALL.



MURDERERS, MONKS,
THIEVES AND KINGS ALIKE
HAVE SOUGHT ME, HOPING
TO USE MY POWER FOR
THEIR OWN PURPOSE,
BE THEY NOBLE OR
DISHONORABLE.



BUT WHETHER
THEY INTENDED
TO PROTECT,
STEAL, AVENGE
OR CONQUER...

...THEY
ALL DOOMED
THEMSELVES TO
THE SAME
FATE.



"ALL MEN
WHO HAVE JOINED
ME THOUGHT THEY
COULD WIELD ME LIKE
SOME COMMON INSTRUMENT.
BUT THEY ALL DISCOVERED
THAT I OBEY NO
MASTER."



"THEY LEARNED
AFTER THEY HAD
DRAWN THEIR FIRST
BLOOD THAT BEST
COULD NOT BE
THEIRS UNTIL
MY APPETITE FOR
CARNAIGE WAS
SATISFIED."



"SOON
ENOUGH, THEY
ALL REALIZED THAT
THEIR WILL WAS NO
LONGER THEIR OWN,
BUT INESCAPABLY
MINE..."



"AND
THAT MY ONLY
WILL WAS TO
BATHE IN THE SIGHTS
AND SMELLS OF
BLOOD AND
BATTLE."



THEY
ALL DISCOVERED
THEIR FOULY TOO LATE,
REALIZING ONLY AT THEIR
END THAT AS MY WILL
STRENGTHENED,
THEIRS FADED.



PIECE BY
PIECE I FED
UPON THEM,
FUELING MY
ANIMATION
WITH THEIR
SOULS...



...UNTIL ALL
THAT REMAINED
WAS A VOID TO
BE FILLED BY
ANOTHER.



SOME
HAVE TRIED
TO DESTROY
ME, BUT
FAILED.



OTHERS
HAVE TRIED
TO BURY ME, HOPEING
THAT I WOULD BE
FORGOTTEN BY
HISTORY.



"BUT
THERE WILL
ALWAYS BE MEN
WHO REMEMBER
AND DESIRE MY
POWER..."



...AND THERE
WILL ALWAYS
BE MEN WILLING
TO KILL FOR
IT.

I
HAVE PASSED
THROUGH THE
HANDS OF MANY
MEN BEFORE
YOURS.





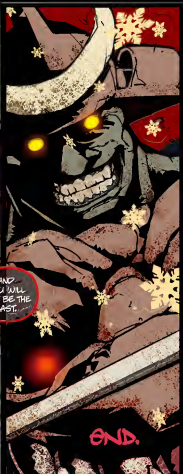
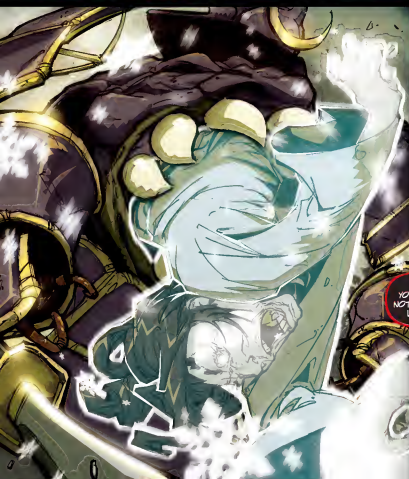
EISHAMON,
YOU THOUGHT THAT
YOU COULD CONTROL
ME... THAT YOU WERE
SOMEHOW DIFFERENT
AND WOULD NOT
SUCCEED TO MY
WILL.



BUT SUBMIT
YOU DID ALL TOO
EASILY, JUST LIKE
THOSE BEFORE
YOU.



YOU
WERE NOT THE
FIRST TO WON
ME.



AND
YOU WILL
NOT BE THE
LAST.

END.



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